

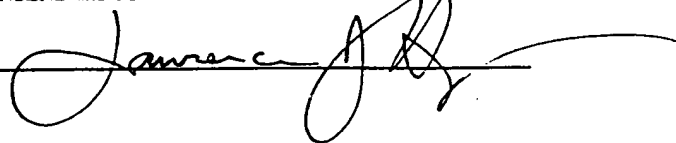
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Papahadjopoulos, et al.

Application No.: 09/076,618

Filed: May 12, 1998

For: METHODS OF FORMING
PROTEIN-LINKED LIPIDIC
MICROPARTICLES, AND
COMPOSITIONS THEREOF

Examiner: James Ketter

Art Unit: 1636

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action dated October 13, 1999 (the "Office Action"). A petition for an extension of time in which to respond and the appropriate fees accompany this response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 1-58.

Please **amend** claims 76-80 as follows:

76. (Amended) A lipidic microparticle conjugated to a protein by the method of claim 59, wherein the protein is conjugated to the lipidic microparticle through a linker